



Our value is 'Respect'

*"Do to others as you would
have them do to you."
Luke 6:31*

Friday, 04
October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that the beginning of the week was so wet and soggy when looking outside at the sunshine this afternoon. The weather seems so changeable at the moment so please can you make sure your child comes to school each day with a coat. Even if the weather is drizzly, we try to get outside as often as possible at break and lunchtimes.

PARKING

Parking at drop off and pick up times is an ongoing concern and there are a few things we can all do to help keep the areas outside of school be as safe as possible during these busy times of the day. We urge you to **please not park in the direct vicinity of the school**. Areas of particular concern are the parking on the bend of School Lane turning into Church Street and outside of Lime Tree Court, which has two driveways that must be kept clear at all times for emergency and medical services. We also request that parents **do not use the school staff car park** when dropping off and picking up from wrap-around care and clubs.

For the safety of all our children, it is much safer to park away from the school either at the top end of Main Street, on Portway Road or by the Rec and walk along the narrow section of road in Main Street/Church Street. The fewer cars parked in the vicinity of the school, the safer it will be for everyone. This will also ensure our school neighbours maintain their access to their properties.

Thank you to those parents who do show consideration and park away from the school and we appreciate your support.

YEAR 5 BIKEABILITY



Over this past week, Year 5 were out and about on their bikes completing the Level 2 Bikeability course; an important aspect of our curriculum in teaching children how to be safe. The children taking part demonstrated their skills and knowledge when using a bike, learnt how to complete safety checks and ride safely on the roads. I am so proud of the feedback we received from the Bikeability trainers who were full of praise for how polite the children were and good at listening to and following their instructions.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on the morning of Wednesday 9th October at 9:15am in St Mary's Church, Twyford. Parents are welcome to join us for this collective worship if they would like to.

Like last year, we will be supporting the Twyford Kindness Larder. The larder is a source of canned or dried foodstuffs (and some other non-perishable goods) for anyone experiencing hardship. It is a small shed situated at the left-hand side of Twyford village hall. Children should bring any donations they have to school either on or before the Wednesday morning. Even if you can only spare one item, it will be gratefully received.



PARENT BOOK LOOK

Just a little reminder that this coming week we will be opening the school from 3:30pm to 5:30pm so that parents are able to come and view their children's books ahead of parent and teacher meetings next week. There is no need to book a time for this, just pop along and see what your child has been doing this year so far!

PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY REGISTRATIONS– now being taken

We are currently taking registrations for our wonderful pre-school nursery setting. We can take children from the term in which they turn 3 years old (rising 3s). If you, or someone you know, has a little one and would like them to attend our nursery, get in touch with the office and ask for a registration form. We also have some spaces still available in our nursery this term and would welcome visits for anyone who is considering our early years setting so they can see us in action and meet the team.

VOLUNTEERS – we need you!

Have you ever thought about volunteering in school? Volunteers can really help make a big difference in many ways. Previously people have volunteered with listening to children read, keeping our library tidy, gardening, support with a specific subject or running a club. If you have some time or skills which could be put to use and would like to know more about helping in school, please let us know.

With warmest wishes,

Judith Bloomfield
Headteacher

We Learn Together; Grow Together; Achieve Together knowing that Jesus said:

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

John 15:5



TERM DATES 2024/2025		
Autumn 1 Term 2024	Thursday 5 th September 2024	Friday 25 th October 2024
Autumn 2 Term 2024	Monday 4 th November 2024	Friday 20 th December 2024
Spring 1 Term 2025	Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Friday 14 th February 2025
Spring 2 Term 2025	Monday 24 th February 2025	Friday 4 th April 2025
Summer 1 Term 2025	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Summer 2 Term 2025	Tuesday 3 rd June 2025	Tuesday 22 nd July 2025

Twyford C of E School



School Diary



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY		
Wednesday 9th October		Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church – 9:15am
Wednesday 9th October		3:30pm – 5:30pm classrooms are open for parents to view their child's work
Thursday 10th October		3:30pm – 5:30pm classrooms are open for parents to view their child's work
Tuesday 15th October		School Photographs – individual and siblings
Wednesday 16th October		Parent/teacher consultations – book on Parentmail
Thursday 17th October		Parent/teacher consultations – book on Parentmail
Friday 25th October		School breaks up for half term
Thursday 31st October 2024		Deadline for applications for Secondary School Admissions September 2025
Monday 4th November		School re-opens after half-term
Thursday 7th November		FOTS – School Disco – further details to follow
Thursday 28th November 2024	NEW	KS2 Choir singing for the Stroke Association at Lace Hill Community Centre
Monday 16th December 2024		KS2 Carol Service at St Marys Church - 6:30pm
Friday 20th December 2024		School closes for Christmas break
Monday 6th January 2025		INSET Day
Tuesday 7th January 2025		School re-opens after Christmas break
Friday 14th February 2025		School breaks up for half term
Monday 24th February 2025		School re-opens after half term
Friday 4th April 2025		School breaks up for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April 2025		School re-open after Easter
Monday 5th May 2025		May Bank Holiday – School closed
Friday 23rd May 2025		School breaks up for half term

Monday 2 nd June 2025		INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd June 2025		School re-opens after half term
Tuesday 22 nd July 2025		School breaks up for summer
Wednesday 23 rd July 2025		INSET Day



NXT LEVEL COACHING WRAP AROUND CARE

To book: <https://www.nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk/book-online/twyfordcofprimary>

Contact: info@nxtlevelcoaching.co.uk Text: 07703 187543

Please book wrap-around care or club places by midday

BREAKFAST CLUB	DROP & GO	AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB	
7.50am – 8.40am	8.30am – 8.40am	3.15pm – 4.15pm	4.15pm – 5.30pm
£4.00	£1.00	£5.00	£4.00
Book online	No need to pre-book	Book online	Book online
Breakfast served until 8.20am	Payable in cash on the day	Activities including art, craft, sports, games, Lego and construction	Activities including art, craft, sports, games, Lego and construction <i>Light snack served for additional 75p</i>

The booking cut-off time for same day wraparound care services is **12:00 PM**.

We understand that emergencies can arise, and to accommodate such situations, we have designated a process for late bookings. In the case of an emergency, please contact the **school office** directly to make a late booking. Your child will be added to the day's register and an invoice for payment will be sent directly to you. However, we kindly request that this option is only used in genuine emergency situations and not as a regular occurrence

Peripatetic music lessons at Twyford C of E School

XYZ will be providing Drum (one to one and group), Guitar, Piano and Woodwind lessons at Twyford C of E School from September 2024

Please see the following details:

- Lessons per annum (September-July) 34
- Length of lessons: 20 minutes – one to one / group (3 students)
- Price per lesson: £35.00 – one to one / £7.50 – group per student
- Parents can be invoiced on a termly basis or in instalments via a monthly direct debit plan starting in September 2024 and ending in August 2025
- For new starters we encourage the purchase of a starter pack. This is an optional but highly recommended for effective participation in the lessons and school and home practice.

For more information please visit us at: www.xyzmusicacademy.com

You can also contact us at:
Email - admin@xyzmusicacademy.com
Phone - 01296 534238

To sign up please visit our website www.xyzmusicacademy.com or scan the QR code.

EVERYONE WELCOME

Baby and Toddler Group

at
Twyford C of E School

For more info
www.twyfordschool.org.uk

Every Friday
During term-time
9.45AM – 11.00AM

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Penalty Notices for School Attendance

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and across borders if you move school or house. Term Time Leave is only allowed in exceptional circumstances when communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

FIRST OFFENCE

The first Penalty Notice issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £100 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days and reduced to £50 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

SECOND OFFENCE

For the second Penalty Notice (within three years of the first offence) issued for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, the amount of the fine will be £150 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.

THIRD OFFENCE AND SUBSEQUENT OFFENCES

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave of Absence or Irregular Attendance, a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. If found guilty there could be up to a maximum fine of £2,500 or a term of imprisonment not exceeding 3 months.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL

In law only the headteacher of a school can authorise a child's absence. A pupil's attendance forms part of their official school record.

Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a leave of absence and are strongly advised not to do so.

Headteachers are unable to authorise leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances.

The fundamental principles for defining 'exceptional' are rare, significant, unavoidable and short. 'Unavoidable' implies that an event could not reasonably be scheduled at another time.

10 sessions in 10 weeks

Penalty Notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 weeks.

5 consecutive days of term time absence can trigger a Penalty Notice.

Do not forget that Penalty Notices are issued Per Parent, Per Child. i.e. Two siblings absent would result in each parent receiving 2 fines. This could amount to £640.



Wednesday 30 October, 11am - 3pm
Friars Square Shopping Centre, Aylesbury

Residents and community members are invited to come along and discuss any matters with multi-agency teams:

- FREE Crime Prevention advice and security items
- FREE Health Checks and advice
- FREE bouncy castle and activities for children and young people
- FREE Waste/recycling advice and products
- Helping Hands – advice on help and support available
- Domestic Energy Efficiency- advice on grants and schemes
- Housing- discuss any concerns and issues
- Adult Learning- advice on courses available to you



Teams and local volunteers will be in the area undertaking high visibility patrols, engaging with residents, completing litter picks and dealing with a range of issues identified by the community.

Visit: [buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-action-days](https://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/community-action-days)



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